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Statement of Comptroller General David M. Walker,
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on the National Energy Policy Development Group
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We remain very concerned regarding the failure of the Vice President to provide the information that we requested in connection with the National Energy Policy Development Group. This matter involves important transparency and accountability issues that are essential in a democracy and are fundamental to our republic. However, given our current national focus on combating terrorism and enhancing homeland security, this matter is not a current priority. We will determine whether and when we should proceed to court on this matter in due course.